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ELECTRONIC MERCHANDISE DISTRIBUTION APPARATUS, ELECTRONIC MERCHANDISE RECEIVING TERMINAL, AND ELECTRONIC MERCHANDISE DISTRIBUTION METHOD

the specification of which (check applicable box(es))

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I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d) or 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or 35 U.S.C. 365(a) of any PCT International application which designated at least one country other than the United States, listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or PCT International application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

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